(ख) जी हां।

(ग) और (घ) भारत में वर्ष 1992 के दौरान सड़क दुर्घटनाओं में लगभग 58 हजार व्यक्ति मारे गए। गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान सड़क दुर्घटनाओं के कारण समाज को हुई कुल आर्थिक हानि 5 हजार करोड़ रूपए प्रतिवर्ष से अधिक होने का अनुमान है। नीति की सिफारिशों के संदर्भ में निम्नलिखित कार्यवाही की गयी है:—

(क) सभी राज्य सरकारें प्रतिवर्ष जनवरी के प्रथम सप्ताह में एक सड़क सुरक्षा जागृति सप्ताह मनाती हैं।

(ख) प्रशिक्षण कौशल में सुधार के लिए दिल्ली और बम्बई में ड्राइविंग सियूलेटर्स उपलब्ध कराए गए हैं।

(घ) अधिक भार लदान /अधिक गति को कठोर दण्ड संबंधी संशोधनों में शामिल किया जा रहा है।

दुर्घटनाओं में कमी होने के लिए, मोटर वाहन अधिनियम 1988 में बहुत से अन्य संशोधनों का सुझाव दिया गया है।

Allowing Private Vessels to use Inland Water System

3014. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to throw open the inland water system to private vessels;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the modalities for allowing private vessels to use the inland water system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The inland water system has been open to all vessels including private vessels and hence Govt.'s decision to throw open the Inland Water System to private vessels does not arise.

(c) Any vessel including private vessel could use the Inland Water System, provided it has valid certificate of survey and registration issued by any State Government for its worthiness to ply in Inland Waterways, under the Inland Vessels Act, 1917, and its crew has valid certificate of competency issued under the I.V. Act, 1917.

Strike Threat by Dock Workers

3015. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether dock workers have threatened to resort to strike if their demands are not met;

(b) if so, what are the details of their demands; and

(c) what is the reaction of Govt. thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) No such strike notice has been received by the Govt. However, according to newspaper reports, the trade union federations have indicated that they would go on strike over their demands for wage revision of Port and Dock Workers. Five meetings of Bipartite Wage Negotiations Committee have been held with the Labour Federations and the next meeting is scheduled to be held at Calcutta in January 1994.